

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified application is requested.


Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19 were rejected as anticipated by Burrows ('631).

Independent claims 1, 17, and 19 have been amended to Germanic format, thereby clearly indicating that the preamble is part of the claimed subject matter. The preamble clearly recites structure: the combination of a molded article and an EL lamp as part of that article. The characterizing clause further defines the article. The body of each claim clearly relates back to the preamble by reciting how the release layer relates to the article.

The Burrows patent does not disclose an EL lamp molded into the surface of an article, instrument cluster, or telephone. There is no disclosure of the claimed combination.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 17, 18, and 19 are in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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